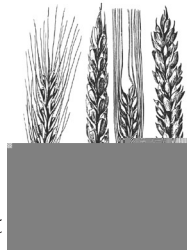


This brochure provides the legal guidelines for planting and managing dove fields in South Carolina. A successful dove field displays visible and tangible results in a relatively short period of time, benefits many species of wildlife, and may provide outstanding dove hunting opportunities. There are several important factors to be considered when planning a dove field:

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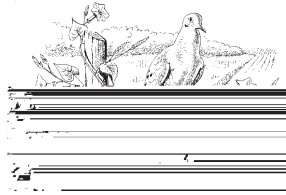


Recommended Dove Plantings

Black	Black	Black	Black	Black
Black	Black	White	White	White
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Points to Remember

- Top-sowing, or broadcasting without covering the seed, is not considered a normal agricultural practice and is an illegal procedure for planting dove fields.
- Doves prefer to land in clear areas between rows. Keep these areas as weed free as possible by cultivating or using herbicides.
- Plan for at least a portion of the field to mature 2 weeks prior to shooting.
- Plan dove fields with a variety of plantings, providing for different maturation dates, in order to continue attracting doves throughout the season. (Example: browntop millet, proso millet, and sunflowers)
- Scout fields several weeks in advance to determine use by doves.
- Too much shooting pressure will cause doves to move to other areas. Limit shooting to 1-2 days a week.
- Manipulating portions of the field by mowing, chopping, burning, or disking prior to hunting will help expose seeds and attract doves to the field.



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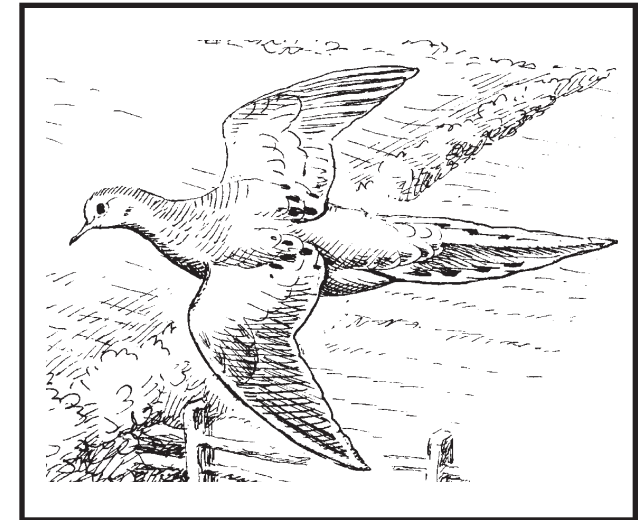
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